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UTB/TSC considers altering semester offerings

Change coming in threes

By David Boon
Staff Writer

Three new plans are in the works to change up how students would be able to gain credit outside of the regular fall and spring semesters.

The initiatives come about as an attempt to both increase course offerings while maximizing the university's use of facilities.

"The goal is, first of all, to give a wider variety of offerings to the students, to allow them to either catch up if they got behind, or to start early ... or to get ahead of the game so you can graduate faster," said UTB/TSC Provost Alan Artibise. "So, it should, we hope, improve both graduation rates and retention rates because there's more opportunity for students to take courses.

"Aside from that, it's also a way to generate more resources for the university."

One new option would allow students to attend a full semester during the summer break. Summer III, as it has been dubbed, would be a full 15-week semester with all the benefits of a regular semester at the same cost.

"One of the things that's also encouraging us to do this that I hope all students are aware of is they can now receive financial aid during the summer, which is new--they weren't able to before," Artibise said.

With semester-length courses during the summer, the university would be able to expand course offerings in such areas as education and nursing, which often have more requirements on the number of instruction hours, Artibise said. The change would also allow for local

teachers seeking a graduate degree to be able to fully pursue a degree in the summer, as graduate offerings could also expand.

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Another reason to move to a trimester system stems from faculty unease with the current pay rate for summer courses, said Immanuel Edinbarough, an associate professor with the Office of Applied Technologies who sits on the committee reviewing the plan. Currently,

professors gain more per course from teaching two summer courses than from teaching four.

If the university switches to a trimester system, professors would be able to choose which two semesters they would teach, the provost said.

"Faculty, as far as their contracts [go], would teach two of three semesters per year," Artibise said. "So they could choose to teach summer and fall, or they could teach the way they do now and have summer off, or whatever--it would be a combination. ... This would allow us to provide a full array of offerings in the summer, just as it is in the fall or the spring."

Students would also be able to register for Summer Session I and II courses alongside

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Condition of courts forces tennis classes off campus

Tennis crack-et



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

A crack runs from the center of the Garza Gym tennis court to the net. Classes are not held on the court this semester because of its condition.

By Chris Scott
Sports Editor

For the first time in recent memory, both Tennis I and Tennis II classes are being conducted off campus.

"The courts are bad," Assistant Professor Jack Loff told *The Collegian*, referring to the courts outside the Garza Gym. "The courts are made of concrete; they're cracked, so there are spaces, 1-inch spaces, so the ball doesn't bounce

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Party in the U.S.A.



COURTESY PHOTO

An MC pumps up the crowd during last year's Spring Break at Coca-Cola Beach. See story, Page 11.

Time to teach, administrators

By Rene Cardona Jr.
Staff Writer

A new directive by Provost Alan Artibise calls for UTB/TSC vice presidents and deans to return to the classroom for the Fall 2010 semester.

This was something Artibise had in mind since he got here, he said.

"I didn't do anything right away because what sometimes happens in administrations is administrators go around and create policies and don't follow them themselves," Artibise said. "So, I wanted to wait until I was well into the semester, and I'm currently teaching a fourth-year class in government."

Before arriving on campus in mid-Fall 2009, Artibise informed UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia and the Government Department he would be teaching a class

in the spring semester. He is teaching public policy and management.

"It's a practice that I'm quite familiar with where I come from at Arizona State [University]," Artibise said. "Everybody, no matter who you were, also taught at least one course, sometimes more. Every institution I've been at has been like that because I've been an administrator for more than 20 years, and I've taught a course every year. I've never not taught."

Part of being an administrator, Artibise said, is interacting with students on a regular basis, something that can be forgotten in higher academic positions.

"No matter what our jobs are as administrators, I think it is critically important to be in the classroom so you're interacting with students, find out what the issues other

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Learn how to kick a--

By Julianna Sosa
Collegian Editor

“Haiyah!” Learn how to protect yourself from sexual predators during “Personal Safety Week” this month and enlighten yourself with the diversity of women on campus.

This week begins with “International Women’s Day,” where a panel of women from around the world will discuss different cultural roles and expectations.

The panel is composed of faculty and staff members, including Sonia Cunningham, an associate professor in the Nursing Department; Eugenia Curet, Student Health Services director; Lidia Diaz, a professor in the Modern Languages Department; Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, an assistant professor in the Government Department; Suniti Sharma, an assistant professor in the Teaching, Learning and Innovation program; and Shaghayegh Setayesh, a lecturer in the Mathematics Department.

These women come from such countries as Argentina and France and will speak about their culture’s music, fashion and life for women in different societies. The event will take place from noon to 1 p.m. today in the SET-B third-floor conference room.

Two sexual assault prevention seminars will take place this week. The first seminar will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in room 1.532 of the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. The Mixed

Martial Arts club will host the session.

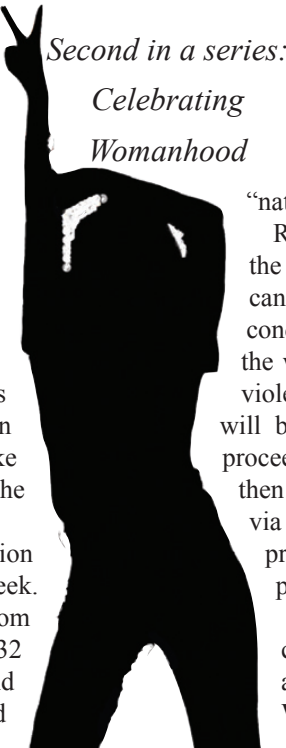
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Vince Solis will speak from 6 to 7 p.m., after which the audience will break up into groups and learn techniques to prevent and defend against sexual assault. During the hands-on session, Brazilian jujitsu black belt Tyler Bosard will be instructing women on different types of self-defense techniques.

Zelma Mata, an associate professor and chair of the Health and Human Performance Department, will present a women-only sexual assault prevention seminar, which


will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in room 1.532 of the REK Center. Mata said she will be focusing on teaching women how to use their “natural weapons.”

Rounding up the week is the “Take Back the Night” candlelight vigil, which will be conducted in remembrance of the women who were victims of violence. The silent walk/vigil will begin at the Student Union, proceed down Gorgas Drive and then head back to the Union via the Paseo. Candles will be provided to those who wish to participate.

The university is conducting this week’s activities in observance of Women’s History Month.



Scorpion Academy



For more information, please contact the SGA Office at 882-5877 or e-mail rosalinda.rangel10@utb.edu

<p>Monday 22 Call and Registration</p>	<p>Tuesday 23 SET-B Lecture Hall 6-6:30 p.m. Welcome SGA Introduction 7-8 p.m. Campus Police</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 SET-B Lecture Hall 7-9 p.m. District Attorney’s Office Crime Victims Unit Domestic Violence Unit</p>	<p>Thursday 25 LHSB Rm. 1.104 7-9 p.m. Brownsville PD Lt. Oscar Maldonado and Sgt. Rolando Avitia (SIMULATOR)</p>	<p>Friday 26 Salon Cassia (EDBC) 7-8 p.m. Drug Enforcement Agency - Agent Delaunay 8-9 p.m. Integrated Global Knowledge & Understanding Collaboration</p>
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Student pleads with SGA for needed funds

By **Jacqueline Vasquez**
Staff Writer

Senior criminal justice major and president of the American Criminal Justice Association Fernando Reyna pleaded with the Student Government Association on Thursday to help his student organization with much needed funds.

Reyna said his organization has gone out of state to represent UTB/TSC and has competed in crime scene investigation, fire arms, physical agility and several other types of competitions and has brought the university trophies and honors.

Although Reyna and the other members have held fundraisers and have even given money out of their own pockets, the organization has not always been able to support the endeavors it would like to participate in.

“We made it to the nationals,” Reyna said. “We should be in nationals this upcoming week and they called me, ‘Are you guys going? Is UTB representing Region 2?’ I’m like, no. We don’t have the funds and how sad that is.”

He said he has been asking for help from different departments on campus, but has been given the runaround.

Because it is too late for them to go to nationals this year, the funds Reyna is asking for will be used for next year.

SGA Vice President of Administration David Polin offered some suggestions, such as creating a resolution and presenting it to

the senate. Polin and SGA President Ruby de la Fuente both asked him to present them with a specific breakdown of the organization’s needs.

“What you were saying about you guys going to nationals, I mean, that’s amazing,” de la Fuente said. “And what we want to do, especially my job as the president of the organization, is to make sure that student government is available not only to the organization, but to any university student that needs help, so you came to the right place.”

In other business, Vice President of Administration David Polin announced that Freshman Senator David Marks has resigned from the SGA “due to conflicts with [his] work schedule.”

“I did thank him for his participation and he acknowledged that SGA was a good association and he had a good time serving,” Polin said.

He said about 600 students participated in the recent “Meet and Greet” event, in which the SGA distributed literature on “reasons to vote.”

Priscilla Rocha, senator for the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology, was elected senator pro tem. Her duties include chairing the meeting in Polin’s absence and to make a report for the senate.

Psychology major Josefina Gamez was sworn in by SGA President Ruby de la Fuente as senator for the College of Liberal Arts. Gamez is involved with the American Criminal Justice Association, the STEM Learning Communities Peer Mentor Program

and works for the Leadership and Mentorship Program.

“The reason I want to join SGA is because if I have the opportunity to speak for the students, then I want to do it,” she said.

Senior biology major Arthur Gonzalez presented Resolution 26, titled Co-Sponsorship of Theatric Production, which seeks a donation of \$500 for the student organization Dingbat Productions to produce “The Phantom Tollbooth.” The SGA passed the resolution. In appreciation, two performances will be shown to the student body for free.

The senate also approved Resolution 27, titled SGA Meet N Greet/Pig Roast, which allocates \$250 for the purchase of two pigs that will be roasted and served during UTB/TSC’s Safe Spring Break Luau on Wednesday. An additional \$250 was set aside for decorations and miscellaneous items for the event.

Rocha announced she has a petition to get a microwave into the Student Organization Room because students need a cheaper way to eat and a microwave would accommodate that.

“I only have 170-plus signatures,” she said. “I need a lot more, so if you could, please come to the Student Org room or come up to me at anytime. I’ll be having the petition with me, and please sign.”

Student Development Specialist and former SGA member Rosa Law announced that the Grad Fair will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.



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Fernando Reyna (standing), president of the American Criminal Justice Association, asks the Student Government Association for funding for the organization on Thursday.

Graduation rings and caps and gowns can be ordered during the event, and those who applied for the Scorpion Leadership ring will be notified today as to who was selected.

Vice President of Policy and Procedure Joe Lee Rubio, Senator for College of Liberal Arts Alexandria Lara and Senator At Large Jorge A. Muñoz were absent from the meeting.

In SGA-related news, former member Joshuah Law said he has collected 400 signatures, so far, for his petition to remove senate members who were not elected by the student body.

5th annual event is paired with Battle of the Bands

How to party (safely) at Spring Break Luau

By **Ana Laura Martell**
Spanish Editor

Wear colorful leis and bring your friends to this year’s Safe Spring Break Luau, which is scheduled Wednesday. Expect to enjoy awesome music, activities, refreshments and a great chance to learn how to be safe and healthy during Spring Break.

The luau has been held for several years, and is a collaboration among the departments of Residential Life, Student Life and Dean of Students in an effort to raise awareness in the student body about the many dangers during Spring Break, which this year takes place March 15-19.

“It’s part of the overall education goal of the Alcohol and Drug Task Force,” said Student Judicial Affairs Coordinator David Mariscal, referring to the campus committee. “What we are trying to do is promote safe programming that ... raises awareness of alcohol issues, drug issues

[and] safety issues.”

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Ringgold Road, between Cavalry Hall and the Student Union. The street will be blocked off for the event.

DJ background music will play during the first half of the event, followed by a local rock band taking over the stage at noon.

Aside from a stage for the DJ and live music, one of the new activities in the luau tradition is the U.S. Army rock wall.

Campus Police will set up an obstacle course, an activity that allows students to drive golf carts wearing day or night “drunk” goggles. The goggles simulate driving under the influence of alcohol.

Out of hundreds of students who attempted the obstacle course last year, only one or two were able to successfully complete it, said Campus Police Officer Pete Vasquez.

Keep in mind, Vasquez said, students only drive the golf carts a short distance

going about 2 to 3 mph.

“Especially when you drive distances between here and [South Padre] Island, 30 minutes behind the wheel is a lot of time for somebody who [has] had a couple of drinks,” Mariscal said. “You can easily fall asleep within those 30 minutes, or get distracted.”

Campus Police will also provide refreshments. Giveaways will be available for those who participate in the obstacle course drive.

Student and community organizations, agencies and university departments, including Student Health Services, will set up their booths and tables to hand out literature on all kinds of safety measures for Spring Breakers.

Safety measures for Spring Break go beyond alcohol and drug awareness. Other issues to keep in mind are safe sex and other health concerns such as sun exposure.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will provide safe driving tips and the U.S.




Immigration and Naturalization Service will distribute information about safe traveling into Mexico.

Every year, the number of student attendees at the luau grows. Mariscal expects to distribute about 400 free Spring Break kits. Each kit contains a cup, a key chain with a light and whistle, sun block and safety brochures.

“Yes, relax; yes, take a break from classes, but make responsible decisions when [you’re] out there,” advises Student Judicial Affairs Coordinator David Marquez. “Think of how one bad decision might affect the rest of [your life]. ... It might keep [you] from achieving [your] goals.”

Students are encouraged to stick around for the continuation of the luau. A Battle of the Bands, coordinated by Student Life, will start at noon and carry on until about 4 or 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office at 882-5141.



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City to make hotels register, pay \$50 fee

By Christine Cavazos
Staff Writer

Hotels in Brownsville would be required to register with the city and pay a \$50 fee, under a proposed ordinance.

During Tuesday's Brownsville City Commission meeting, Assistant City Attorney John E. Chosy said the registration will allow the city to have on record all of the names and addresses of the places of lodging.

Owners must register their businesses by July 1, 2010.

The commission approved the first reading of the ordinance.

"It should be fairly painless for the operators to give us the information that we need in those cases where we have to pursue some remedies to collect hotel/motel taxes," Chosy said.

District 4 Commissioner Edward Camarillo asked why the city had not gathered the necessary information before.

Mayor Pat Ahumada responded that hotels and motels change ownership.

"A lot of times you see these hotels and they change ownership," Ahumada said. "To track down the current owner can be difficult."

A Feb. 17 memorandum from Chosy to City Manager Charlie Cabler states that "failing to



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Hotels and motels in Brownsville would be required to pay a \$50 registration fee under the proposed city ordinance.

register is a class C misdemeanor, which can be prosecuted in municipal court."

When the fee is paid, owners will receive a receipt, which must be displayed in the lobby of their businesses.

"Subsequent hotel operation fees are due within 10 days of a change in the owner or operator of a hotel," the proposed ordinance states.

The commission also approved an amendment to the City Code of Ordinances that places more restrictions on sexually oriented businesses. The ordinance's first public hearing and reading was Feb. 16.

According to city documents the ordinance will "promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the city while leaving open ample alternatives methods of communication for the businesses; and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the continued concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the city."

Sexually oriented businesses will not be allowed to operate from 2 to 10 a.m. Sunday through Saturday; owners will not be allowed to put up, construct or maintain any sign for the establishment other than one business identification sign. Also, any applicant who wants to establish a sexually oriented business and has been convicted of or has pleaded guilty to certain criminal offenses will not be issued a license.

In other business, Rose Timmer, interim director of Healthy Communities of Brownsville, gave a presentation on the status of the plastic bag ordinance.

Timmer said an Environmental Advisory Committee has been formed as a result of the city approving the ordinance Jan 5.

The committee meets at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday in the City Plaza, located at 1034 E. Levee St. The public is invited to the meetings.

"We are going to provide awareness and

guidance of the plastic shopping bag ordinance to citizens, the business community and the elected officials of Brownsville," she said.

Healthy Communities members are also conducting surveys on the number of people who have started to take their reusable shopping bags to supermarkets.

District 3 Commissioner Melissa A. Zamora asked whether small businesses are being notified about the new regulation. Zamora cited that many owners do not have the time to attend the environmental meetings.

"Small businesses, they are the heart of this community," she said. "Many of them work 60-plus hours [per week and] don't have time to participate in surveys and attend chamber functions. In fact, they are not even members of the chamber."

Timmer said she would look into the matter.

The Collegian asked Timmer whether supermarkets are the only businesses required to comply with the ordinance.

"It's all of them," she said via telephone Wednesday. "Anybody who gives you a plastic bag at the point of sale will be banned from giving you that plastic bag and it affects restaurants, grocery stores, retailers in general."

The ordinance will become mandatory Jan. 1, 2011.

Carnegie Classification may help university

Reprinted from *The Collegian Online*

By Jacqueline Vasquez
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC is applying for the Elective Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement.

"If we receive it, it demonstrates that our university is doing two things really well," said Kathy Bussert-Webb, director of the Center for Civic Engagement. "The first thing is that we are significantly engaged in community outreach and partnership and the second thing is we are doing a significant amount of curricular engagement related to service learning and

community engagement."

The Elective Carnegie Classification is a voluntary classification where students, faculty and the community come together to address community needs, advance academic and civic learning, and to improve community well-being and the institution's scholarship.

This is done by having Curricular Service Learning classes, also known as SL classes.

These classes can be taken for course work, extra credit or a grade. It includes field experience, field-basing, health fairs, clinicals, internship or practicum at a nonprofit agency, hospital or small business.

Bussert-Webb said professors can engage in SL classes outside of those mentioned.

She has taught SL classes for six years and said she has received a good response in course evaluations.

"The students say they are so glad that they did service learning, that it really helped them to understand course concepts and so forth," Bussert-Webb said.

The deadline to turn in all of the documentation is Sept. 1.

"The reason why it's important is that ... based on what we have found from other institutions after they have received the

Carnegie [classification], it has given them a lot of prestige as an institution," Bussert-Webb said. "It has helped their relationship with the community, it has improved academics, it has increased student retention."

She said students who are involved in SL classes tend to have better grades and stay in school. The classification could also help with funding and to receive other classifications as well.

"The main reason we are doing this is to improve our university, to make our classes more responsive to the community and more beneficial to students," Bussert-Webb said.

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faculty are facing, the issues students are facing," he said. "It just keeps you in touch with what you are trying to do on a day-to-day basis because what can happen in administrative positions, you can get isolated from the reality out there because you are so busy with details day in and day out and meeting with other administrators that you forget the real reason we are all here is for students--full stop, that's why there is this institution."

Although administrators already work hard, Artibise said, he believes they can make time to teach a course because he believes it's part of their regular duties.

Senior biology major Hector Rivera said the knowledge that can be provided by administrators is a reason why they should be in the classroom.

"I think that being a dean, not only is it being in charge of the school or that department, you should also be teaching to keep up with the students," he said.

Three weeks ago, Artibise sent an e-mail to deans and vice presidents stating they will teach a course for the Fall 2010 semester.

Vice President for Student Affairs Hilda Silva and Dean of the College of Applied Technology and General Studies Peter Gawenda both welcome the decision.

"It's about time," Gawenda said, "because I've had several positions at this institution

from vice president of Academic Affairs, to vice president of Business Affairs, to graduate faculty member, undergraduate faculty member. In my administrative positions, I've always taught at least one course per semester."

Silva welcomes the opportunity of working regularly with students, and is not nervous setting foot in the classroom after teaching in the Behavioral Sciences Department many years ago, she said.

To teach a course, administrators should have a faculty appointment. Some, however, such as Irv Downing, vice president for Economic Development and Community Service, who does not have a faculty appointment, will possibly teach a planning course, the provost said. Marilyn Woods, the executive assistant

to the president, told Artibise she would also teach a course despite not having a faculty appointment.

With about 12 administrators participating, Artibise enumerated the benefits of his directive.

"We now have about a dozen of our best researchers and teachers in the classroom; it's a very positive thing for the university," he said. "So, the capacity of the institution has gone up, albeit a small amount, but it has gone up at no additional cost."

Administrators' involvement in classes will also help them become better administrators, Artibise said.

"They'll understand better the needs when they talk to their faculty, when they talk to their

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UT System regents OK tuition, fee hikes

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AUSTIN--The University of Texas System board of regents has approved tuition and fee rates for the next two academic years at University of Texas institutions.

The rates were approved following a review of tuition and fee proposals submitted to the regents by the campuses earlier this year.

The approved tuition and mandatory academic fee increases for full-time resident undergraduate students at the nine

academic institutions amounted to 3.95 percent or \$280 per academic year, whichever was greater. Five academic institution proposals also included student-initiated fees--such as fees to fund new student services and recreational facilities--which were proposed by the students themselves and have been approved through student referenda, thus increasing the total costs at those institutions.

Should available funding change, the board stated it would reassess the approved tuition and fee rates of the UT System

academic institutions for the 2011-12 academic year to ensure excellence in the education, research and service missions of the institutions.

At UTB/TSC, undergraduate students enrolled for 15 semester credit hours in Fall 2010 will pay \$2,947, an increase of 4.99 percent over Fall 2009. In Fall 2011, the same number of semester credit hours will cost undergraduates \$3,087.

By comparison, undergraduates taking 15 semester credit hours at the University of Texas-Pan American will pay \$2,904 next

fall and \$3,044 in Fall 2011.

Regents approved tuition and fee rates for the five health institutions for the 2010-11 academic year only. The health institutions were asked to submit new tuition and fee proposals for the 2011-12 academic year.

The approved rates for the nine academic institutions are for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years and may be viewed online at <http://www.utsystem.edu/News/files/Tuition2010/AcademicTuitionSummary.pdf>.

“We believe these increases

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Briefs

Patron of the Arts

An art exhibit featuring the work of **UTB/TSC alumni** will open with a reception at 6:30 tonight in the **Rusteberg Gallery**. The exhibit runs through April 16. Admission is \$1. For more information, call 882-7097.

Study Skills

The **Student Success Center** will host a workshop titled “**Balancing Act**” from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday in Cardenas Hall North 104. For more information, call 882-8208.

Financial aid workshop

The **United Way of Southern Cameron County Beehive Self-Prep Tax Assistance Tool** will help UTB/TSC students and their parents to file the **2009 Income Tax Return Form Electronically** during the **Financial Aid Workshops** scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and on March 24 and 31 in Tandy Hall 213. During the workshops, the **Financial Assistance Office** will assist students in filling out the 2010-2011 **Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA**, and will answer general questions. For more information, call the **Financial Assistance Office** at 882-8277.

Get Moving

Phillip Conatser, an assistant professor in the Health and Human Performance Department, will present a lecture titled “**How to**

Keep Moving When You Just Don’t Feel Like It” from noon to 1 p.m. today in room 1.518 of the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. The lecture is part of the university’s **Get Moving Seminar Series**. For more information, go to www.utb.edu/getmoving.

Exercise sessions consisting of the combination of cardio training, strength conditioning and basic dance movement take place from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in room 1.518 of the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. The sessions are open to UTB/TSC employees participating in the “**Get Moving**” campus campaign for wellness. For more information, go to www.utb.edu/getmoving.

Book signing

Bill Moore, pastor and founder of the **Livingway Family Church** and author of the book “**Fearonomics**,” will conduct a book signing in the **Barnes & Noble Bookstore** on campus from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 882-6731.

Master class

Opera singer **Michael Callas** will conduct a master class from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Arts Center. The event, sponsored by the **UTB/TSC Music Department**, is free and open to all students. For

more information, call 882-8247 or 882-7750.

World Youth Day 2011

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** at UTB/TSC will go to **Spain** for **World Youth Day 2011** from Aug. 15 to 21, 2011. Students interested in the trip may call the ministry at 541-9697.

Conservation lecture

Kathryn S. Fuller, chair of the **Ford Foundation board of trustees**, will present a lecture titled “**Challenges to Conservation of the Natural World**” from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Fuller is the guest speaker for the **Spring Distinguished Lecture Series**. Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved by calling 882-4332.

Clinical lab seminar

The **UTB/TSC Medical Laboratory Technology Program** will present a seminar/workshop titled “**Clinical Laboratory and Infectious Disease Updates for the Rio Grande Valley**” from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. April 17. For registration and more information, call **Consuelo Villalon** at 882-5010 or send an e-mail to consuelo.villalon@at.utb.edu.

Library hours-Spring Break

The **University Boulevard Library** will change its schedule during Spring Break. The library will be closed March 13 and 14. It will be open from 7:30 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. March 15-18, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19 and closed March 20 and 21. Regular library hours will resume on March 22.

The **Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library** hours of operation will remain the same: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 to 5 p.m. Friday. The library will be closed Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 882-8221.

Withdrawal deadline

The **Office of the Registrar** reminds students that the deadline to withdraw from classes with a “**W**” is March 31. For more information, call 882-8254.

Microsoft workshops

Free workshops on **Microsoft 2007** are available to students, faculty and staff. Training is conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in room 112 (Mini Mead Lab) of the **Arnulfo L. Oliveira Library**. For more information, call **Damaris Gutierrez** or **Claudia Rodriguez** at 882-7442.

--Compiled by Cleiri Quezada

If you would like your organization or department news published in The Collegian’s Briefs section, call Cleiri Quezada at 882-5143 or send her an e-mail at collegian@utb.edu.

Police Reports

Following are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between Feb. 8 and 21.

At 3:20 p.m. Feb. 8, a staff member reported accidentally hitting his Chevrolet S10 against a concrete barrier in the Physical Plant Parking area.

At 9:30 a.m. Feb. 9, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library, where a staff member reported a stolen computer. The loss is estimated at \$760.

At 12:25 p.m. the same day, a Jeep Liberty and a Nissan collided on Ringgold Road. No injuries were reported.

At 4:45 p.m. the same day, a faculty member reported to have been missing his UTB/TSC parking permit since May 2009.

At 11:40 a.m. Feb. 10, a student reported losing his passport and visa while walking to school from his residence.

At 2:50 p.m. the same day, a student reported her ex-boyfriend for harassment, which happened off campus.

At 9:10 a.m. Feb. 11, a staff

member reported losing her UTB/TSC parking permit.

At 12:21 p.m. the same day, a staff member found a set of keys left in the keyhole of a Mercury Sable in Lot X.

At 4 p.m. the same day, an Aztec employee found two rings in the first-floor women’s restroom in the University Boulevard Classroom Building.

At 9:03 a.m. Feb. 15, a student driving a Chevrolet Cavalier accidentally struck a Jeep Grand Cherokee as she exited 18th Street. No injuries were reported. The damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$1,500.

At 11:06 a.m. Feb. 16, a student suffered chest pains during class. Emergency Medical Services was contacted, but she refused transportation.

At 10:05 a.m. Feb. 17, a gold ring with gemstones was found in the second-floor women’s restroom of SET-B.

At 3:30 p.m. the same day, a woman turned in seven Scorpion identification cards that were found in the Student Union.

At 4:47 p.m. the same day, a student who sold his car reported leaving his UTB/TSC parking permit in the vehicle.

At 6:06 p.m. the same day, a student observed a Chevrolet Cavalier that was left on with the key in the ignition in Lot X. The student turned off the car and turned in the key to Campus Police.

At 7:30 a.m. Feb. 18, a staff member reported that one of her employees may have acquired a university key without authorization.

At 12:14 p.m. the same day, a Ford F-150 was struck in the back by a Volkswagen Jetta on Ringgold Road. No injuries were reported. The driver of the Jetta was cited for following too closely.

At 1:43 p.m. the same day, a Chevrolet Malibu and a GMC Safari collided on Ringgold Road. One of the drivers was cited for failure to yield. The estimated damage to both vehicles is \$2,000.

At 7:57 p.m. Feb. 19, an Aztec employee reported feeling ill. She said she ate something that upset her stomach. Emergency Medical

Services transported her to the Valley Baptist Medical Center in Brownsville.

At 8 p.m. the same day, a U.S. Border Patrol agent met with Campus Police regarding an abandoned Honda Accord in Lot B. The agent said he seized a group of illegal immigrants and that one of the immigrants had the vehicle’s key in his possession. A notice was placed on the vehicle that it would be towed if not claimed after 72 hours.

At 4:08 a.m. Feb. 20, a Campus Police officer observed a staff member enter a student’s room at The Village at Fort Brown. The resident assistant on duty was contacted to meet with the officer regarding the curfew violation.

At 9:33 a.m. Feb. 21, an indigent male was issued a criminal trespass warning for attempting to enter the Commandant’s Quarters.

At 4:27 p.m. the same day, a Chevrolet Cavalier and a Dodge Intrepid collided in Lot Z. No injuries were reported.

--Compiled by Cynthia Hernandez

Fourth in a series: 2010 Census--aiming for a complete count

Swearing in the students

By David Boon
Staff Writer

The U.S. Census Bureau was on campus Wednesday for the Career Services Job Fair in the Student Union’s Gran Salon--not to count heads, but to recruit enumerators.

Nearly 4,000 positions are available for Cameron and Hidalgo counties, said census media specialist Effen Salinas. While the jobs range from managers to enumerators, the vast majority of positions will be for operations in May; hourly pay ranges from \$8 to \$25 an hour.

“Some folks are already out in the field; our first operation that involved actually handing out questionnaires began [Tuesday],” Salinas said. “But that operation is nothing compared to the May operation of Non-Response Follow-Up, in which we’ll be sending out these approximately 4,000 people just in the [Rio Grande] Valley to

go recover this information from the people who did not return their questionnaire. So, the majority of these applicants won’t hear back until closer to May.”

In order to be sworn in as an enumerator, one must demonstrate proficiency in English, be a U.S. citizen, be over age 18, have a valid driver’s license and pass a practical skills test. Background checks will be conducted and bilingual speakers are preferred.

If you missed the chance to get information from the bureau’s representatives while they were on campus, you can find more information at 2010.census.gov or can call 1-866-861-2010 to schedule an official test.

Among the UTB/TSC students and staff to be sworn in as census enumerators are the Residential Housing staff, who will need to be sworn in to count the housing residents during the Group Quarters Enumeration phase in April.

“A dormitory is considered ‘group quarters’; a nursing home is considered ‘group quarters’; even a military base is considered ‘group quarters,’” Salinas said. “In Group Quarters Enumeration ... it works a little bit different. Not every student gets a questionnaire.”

Instead, he explained, residents’ information will be taken down by the designated crew.

Residents are reminded to wait for the Group Quarters Enumeration to be counted--while distribution of census forms began last week under the Update Leave program, the vast majority of forms will be mailed out Sunday through March 16, and should arrive by late March.

“Our responsibility is to count everybody, count them once and count them in the right place,” Salinas said. “It’s often the case that parents back home might include their son who’s been living on campus for

the past year, and we hope that they don’t do that, because that would be inaccurate--they don’t live there. They live in their dorm room.”

If a household does not receive a form or if someone needs help while answering the questions, assistance in 59 languages is available at 1-866-872-6868 and a form can be requested in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian or Chinese.

Other efforts on campus are overseen by UTB/TSC’s very own complete count committee, headed by Residential Life and Student Union Director Douglas Stoves, and will be increasing soon.

“We’re incorporating that in what we do through the course of the day,” Stoves said. “[We’re] involving the folks at the Census [Bureau]. We have our Spring Break Luau, and we’re inviting them to come to that next week.”

Tuition

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allow us to strike a delicate balance between our efforts to keep student costs affordable and to provide our institutions with the essential resources needed to keep them competitive with their peers while continuing to advance excellence,” said Regents’ Chairman James R. Huffines. “We believe these increases to be appropriate.

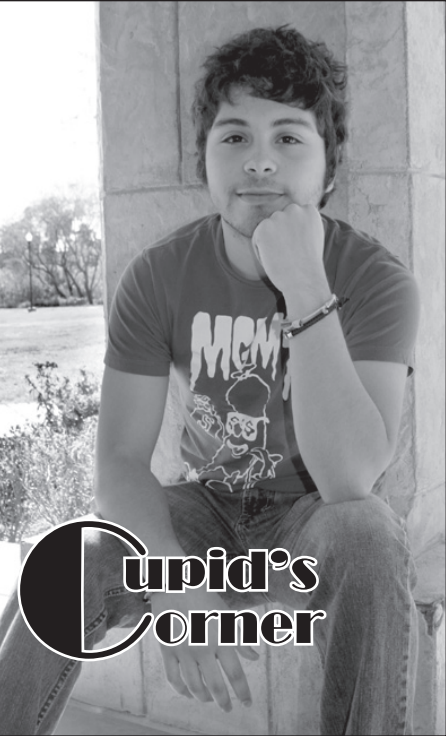
And, we know that our financial aid programs will ensure that our students from low- and middle-income families will be buffered from these increases.”

The plans approved by the regents continue to include a variety of incentives to encourage students to graduate on time by taking more semester credit hours in each term they are enrolled. Tuition and fees are used to enhance student services and academic programs, such as hiring

additional faculty and advisers, reducing class sizes, and repairing and renovating campus buildings.

“These increases represent thoughtful, responsible planning on the part of students, faculty and administrators, and the increases will allow our academic and health institutions to continue on an upward trajectory for the benefit of our students,” UT System Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa said. “As the UT System and its

institutions continue to identify additional cost-saving initiatives during a difficult economic climate, we believe that the proposed increases in tuition and fees are necessary to continue to provide the highest quality education needed for our state to strengthen the workforce and the economy. It is imperative that we enhance excellence so that our graduates and Texas can move forward and we can continue to build an institution of the first class.”



LUCIANA MORALES/COLLEGIAN

Name: Jonathan Hernandez
Age: 18
Classification: Freshman
Major: Respiratory therapy
Zodiac Sign: Leo
What’s the first thing you think about when you wake up? “I don’t want to come to school, I want to sleep more.”
What has been the craziest thing you’ve done or someone has done for you? “Streaking through apartments.”
What is your best physical feature? “My hair?”
What is one thing you wish you could change about yourself? “To be more ambitious.”
What’s the best age to get married? Why? “Twenty-six, so you can experience all the things you need to experience before you get married.”

How do you approach

women? “I don’t approach women; they approach me--just kidding.”
Do you work? If so, what do you do? “No, I don’t work.”
Would you like to date somebody from another country? “Yes, to experience another culture.”
If you could have any superpower, which one would you want? “To see people’s feelings or probably to teleport, like the guy from the movie ‘Jumper.’”
On a random Saturday afternoon, I can be found ... “At Guitar Center.”
Free Association Quiz:
Love: “You.”
Sun: “Awesome.”
Vacation: “Relax.”
Ring: “Marriage.”
--Compiled by Cleiri Quezada

'Scopes

By Francisco Garza
Webcast Editor

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): If someone accuses you of being evil, tell them they’re wrong. You just look good in black.

Aries (March 21-April 19): For Spring Break, you should go to the beach. Do not go swimming; you just need a tan.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Amnesia can be convenient. It’s useful for when you forget to write the horoscopes. Or is that just me?

Gemini (May 21- June 21): This week you might be short on money. Remember that friends make excellent wallets.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Sometimes you might believe your roommate is from hell. But I am sure you’re overexaggerating; just go rest on your couch, but watch the pitchfork.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23): Life is like an ‘80s cartoon. It’s just there to make you buy the toys.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22): So what if you’re not going anywhere for Spring Break? You can have as much fun with a good book, a comfortable chair and lots of candy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Next time you are called a liar, just say you’re a storyteller.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Just because you can pass all the “Guitar Hero’s” on “Expert,” does not mean you should perform in front of a live audience with a real guitar. But if you do, call me; I need a good laugh.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): $E=mc^2$ --now that’s philosophical.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Remember, if you have an upcoming sporting competition, all you need to do is a quick rotation of exercises that end in you running up the stairs. Also, remember to add background music.

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Bill Berry swallows a sword during Team Rootberry's third and final performance Wednesday night in the Jacob Brown Auditorium. The shows, sponsored by the Office of Student Life, drew about 1,100 people, said Vince Solis, associate vice president for Student Affairs.

ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

'Monologues' dialogue



LUCIANA MORALES/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore communication major Jackie Magdaleno (left) and senior accounting major Celeste Diaz-Granado participate in the sketch "The Vagina Workshop," during Wednesday's presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

Teach

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staff, when they talk to students," he said. Sophomore business major Luis Alberto Lezama agrees. "Sometimes when they are not in the class, they don't see a lot of the stuff that's affecting the

students," Lezama said. "If they are up to date with the stuff that students are thinking about right now, like, it can probably change the way they manage the department." Ultimately, Artibise said, he just wants "it to be common, accepted practice, not something that you do temporarily. This is the expectation."

Financial Aid Deadlines for 2010-2011



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YELLOW LIGHT

Caution-hurry, hurry, hurry!

If you apply between March 2, 2010, and June 1, 2010, your award may be ready by the payment deadline (if eligible).

If you receive an e-mail notice that you are selected for verification, please provide requested documents within two weeks after receiving notice, but no later than June 1, 2010. Your awards may be ready by the payment deadline.

GREEN LIGHT

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Trimester

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Summer III courses, the provost said.

Student response has been varied, but overall positive, said Residential Life and Student Union Director Douglas Stoves, who sits on the Summer III committee and conducted a student survey. The survey was distributed via e-mail to 920 Scorpion Scholars and STING students, of which 187 returned the survey.

“As a whole, the students who responded to the survey were positive about having the long semester available to them, with 74.8 percent likely or very likely to participate in classes if a long semester were offered,” Stoves wrote in an executive summary.

Elisa Niño, a junior special education major who has attended summer courses for the last two years, said she would jump at the chance to take more courses during the summer.

“I think it’s cool,” Niño said. “You can graduate in three years in education if you do summers, but if you do that—even better.”

Other students are more cautious to jump on the bandwagon, such as sophomore accounting major Danny Garay, who would like to compare advantages of a summer session to a summer semester.

“The only advantage I’d say would be less stress and less paperwork,” Garay said. “If you just concentrate on the summer, it’d be kind of easier. You’d just get your classes and you’re there, instead of worrying about Summer II, Summer I, May session. ... I’d probably just stick to Summer I, Summer II.”

The plan, which has yet to be finalized, is set to be piloted by the College of Education during Summer 2011.

In addition to Summer III, plans are also being considered to extend the length of Summer Session I and II.

“We’re trying to explore the possibility of extending the five weeks into 7½ weeks,” Edinborough said. “In that way, students can spend more time in doing their assignments and homework in critical subjects like Calculus I, Calculus II, biology—things like that.”

The increase in session length would have a similar impact to the addition of Summer III, as course

offerings also would be increased to offer “more dense” courses, he said.

The change in time frame may surprise some students who prefer shorter sessions, such as a freshman business major Adrian Gomez.

“I liked it better when it’s shorter than longer,” Gomez said. “I mean, you don’t get as much of the whole concept and idea, but it’s faster and easier.”

However, at least during the pilot of the longer summer sessions, five-week courses may also be offered alongside their longer counterparts, Edinborough said.

A third plan involves the addition of a winter session that would be similar to the current May session. This plan’s target market would include students from other universities who are in town during the winter break.

“It’s a brand-new market,” Artibise said. “If a Brownsville resident went off to UT-Austin, and they come back here and they’re visiting their parents, or if they’re coming home for Christmas—well, they can take a course here. We’re an accredited institution; it’ll transfer back to UT-Austin or UT-San Antonio. ... It’s a particularly efficient way to get rid of courses you don’t like.”

The course offerings would be split into two broad groups, Edinborough said.

“We can offer some of the trivial courses—[ones] not so dense—mirroring the May Session,” he said. “Here we can give courses for three credits, the same as the May-semester.”

Another set of courses that is being considered are only one credit hour and would be a type of “concentrated conference” in elective interests or local specialties such as bird-watching or local history, Edinborough said.

“We’re thinking of one-credit courses,” he said, “in very important areas or very interesting areas like geographical information systems—GPS—something like that, [or] robotics and automation.”

Regardless of the nature of the new plans, some students, such as junior nursing major Sabrina Saldivar, would still wait for friends’ opinions before diving in.

“I think it would help people advance if they wanted to, but there’s always a downside to something,” Saldivar said of the Summer III plan. “I’d ask for opinions first.”

An educational blast from the past



RENE CARDONA/COLLEGIAN

Re-enactors portray the group of Mexican soldiers who captured the Alamo in 1836. The re-enactment took place during a celebration of Texas Independence hosted by the Texas Historical Independence Celebration Association on Feb. 27 in San Benito.

By Rene Cardona Jr.
Staff Writer

Smoke filled the air and actors lay on the ground Feb. 27 in San Benito as part of the re-enactment of the fall of the Alamo.

San Benito was unique in celebrating Texas Independence, since its early festivities started on Feb. 26 in the form of an educational symposium, four days before the fall of the Alamo, said Jack Ayoub, president of the Texas Heritage Independence Celebration Association.

On that morning, the association sponsored a symposium to provide continuing education unit credits to local teachers. National Texas historians Frank de la Teja, Stephen L. Hardin and Carolina Crimm presented information to the teachers.

“The idea is to, hopefully, inspire them and motivate them to take that knowledge back to their classrooms, and then today, was the celebration part, where we invite the whole community to come celebrate the event,” said Elizandro Muñoz Jr., an assistant professor of history at South Texas College and the association’s secretary.

The re-enactment took place next to the Texas Conjunto Music Hall, where about 12 actors in 19th century garb defended a backdrop of the Alamo with fake guns and cannon. As a narrator described the 1836 fall of the Alamo, the Tejano soldiers fell to the ground behind a hay bulwark as Santa Ana, along with his Mexican Army, shouted, “¡Viva México!” as they shot their guns.

“How it was on the actual battlefield, how it was at the Alamo, the sounds were deafening,” Ayoub said. “All those muskets going off, you can’t hear what was going on. There was so much gun smoke up in the air you couldn’t see who you were shooting at.”

A crowd of about 85 people composed of both young and old enjoyed the scene along with a variety of food such as *pan de campo*, chili, hamburgers, hot dogs and funnel cakes that was sold on the edge of the field.

Six exhibits of Native American and Tejano artifacts dotted the area to the right of the painted Alamo, offering information to curious visitors.

Leo Lopez was one of the people disseminating information on early Texas. Together, Ruben Martinez,

Roger Wahl and Lopez form the Bear Clan, an educational group who travel to museums with their historical exhibits.

“We’ve been doing this for about five years now,” Lopez said. “What we do is all Native American-oriented. In other words, we have the tepee for the Plains Indians. The table I have here is crossover with some of the equipment like the bows and stuff, but others are more related to the local Native Americans in the [Rio Grande] Valley.”

The tepee towered over the tables, where guns, bows, axes and other Native American tools and handicrafts were displayed. Hats, faux animal skins and Native American drums and battle gear were inside.

Martinez had an exhibit that displayed the process of knapping.

“Ruben, up here, focuses on doing the knapping, which is ... how to make and break the stone to make knives and arrowheads and so forth,” Lopez said.

The central reason for the event was to promote awareness of Texas history that some may be unaware of due to textbooks that don’t give the full story, Muñoz said.

“A lot of people don’t realize, really, what the Texas Revolution was about, and it’s not necessarily Anglos vs. the Mexican Army,” he said. “It was really a movement between the Federalists and the Centralists, and this is really what was going on. ... There were a lot of Tejanos that actually signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, a lot of Tejanos that died fighting in this war, and people don’t realize it. They think that it’s the Anglos vs. the Mexican Army, and it’s not. It’s much more than that.”

All the actors representing the Tejanos lay on the ground toward the end of the event as the Mexican Army declared victory once they were behind the stacks of hay.

“We know the final outcome of the battle was that, of course, Tejanos were killed,” Muñoz explained. “Let’s say a couple of hundred were killed as a result of the battle, and of course, that goes on to become a battle cry for the Battle of San Jacinto later on, which is where we actually get our independence, where the Mexican Army is defeated by the Tejanos under Sam Houston.”



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Countdown to Spring Break 2010

By Julianna Sosa
Collegian Editor

Spring Break: It's an opportunity to catch up on school assignments, go home--or visit South Padre Island and have some fun in the sun.

Island officials said they plan for more than 100,000 people to visit South Padre Island this month.

March 12-21, also known as Texas Week, is the pinnacle of visitation from Spring Breakers and Island officials say they are ready.

"Texas Week is hectic, but one of the good things about it is the majority of the people here have been here for years ... [and] understand how Spring Break has been in the past ... and know how to deal with situations," said Gary Ainsworth, SPI public information officer. "There are very few situations that come up that haven't happened 10, 15 years ago, with the exception of texting in the car, Twittering in the car, updating your Facebook status."

Ainsworth said officials are hoping for a bigger turnout this year as compared to last year, which was lower due to the economic downturn.

Dan Quandt, executive director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, said hotels are filling up "very well." Hotels such as the Best Western, La Copa and Motel 6 are already booked and the Isla Grand is not too far off, he said.

"Students from Texas, they wait see if there's any change in the pockets and second, look at the forecast," Quandt said. "And, if you got some change and the weather looks good, then you're on your way."

Because of the damage from 2008's Hurricane Dolly, the Bahia Mar Hotel and Resort will not re-open this year, according to Ainsworth.

During the day, Coca-Cola Beach, which is stationed behind the Isla Grand, is ground zero for most Spring Breakers. Visitors will



COURTESY PHOTO

be able to enjoy all the activities Coca-Cola Beach has to offer, such as dancing contests, tug-of-war, free giveaways and the addition of the popular "Guitar Hero" video game. Spring Breakers will receive the opportunity to strum their stuff in the Guitar Hero contest, which will be played on a huge LCD screen. The beach will open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 8-26, according to Lauren Brock, an account executive for Aardvark Communications.

If large crowds aren't your thing, there are other activities the Island provides. Quandt said he has noticed Spring Breakers have been taking their vacation time to learn and explore this part of the region.

"We tend to think of Spring Break as a bunch of kids on the beach; there's no question there are a lot of kids on the beach, but it's amazing how many are going out on fishing trips, on dolphin watching [trips] or touring the museums of Port Isabel and the lighthouse," he said.

While the party runs rampant beachside during the day, when the sun goes down, the festivities continue on the bayside. Bayside dining and entertainment are available at such places as Louie's Backyard, Moocussers,

Chaos, Coconuts, Coral Reef Lounge and Palm Street Pier Bar and Grill.

Of course, safety always comes first, and Island officials have hired additional staff and requested additional law enforcement officials to ensure the safety of residents and visitors over the break.

Ainsworth said the SPI Police Department is working in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Cameron County Sheriff's Department, Cameron County constables, the U.S. Coast Guard and others.

Asked how many officials would be patrolling the Island, Ainsworth replied: "I can tell you that we have sufficient law enforcement on the Island. I can't give you a number, but it's more for a tactical reason more than anything."

He said the most violations that occur during Spring Break are people bringing glass bottles to the beach--which is prohibited and carries a \$500 fine per bottle--and starting fires on the beach. Ainsworth said visitors are allowed to bring their own grills but need to clean up their own ashes.

In addition to beach violations, there is the

issue of parking. South Padre Island just passed a new parking ordinance that restricts parking on the residential streets located east of Padre Boulevard and west of Gulf Boulevard. It went into effect March 1 and will end Sept. 15. The ordinance only allows property owners to park in those areas and visitors who are renting for a particular time must obtain a visitor's parking permit from the town.

"It eases congestion for the people that live here and also for the people that are coming here to stay," Ainsworth said. "If you have someone coming to stay at a condo and they don't have anywhere to park, they are going to be a little irritated."

"Each one of those east-west streets has become very, very heavily parked on, illegally. And what we are doing now is we are trying to keep that from happening because we have had incidents in the past of fire engines not being able to get through, emergency vehicles not being able to get through, police vehicles not being able to get through and also having residents and people paying for condos having cars and yards damaged from excess parking and people not doing things like they are supposed to."

The Cameron County parks--Isla Blanca, located on the south end of the Island; Andy Bowie Park, south of Beach Accesses 4, 5 and 6; and Edwin King Atwood, also known as Beach Access 5--will be patrolled by county constables.

Cameron County Parks Director Javier Mendez said the park rangers are now working under the constables.

"The law enforcement has been transferred over to the constables. The rangers are now the constables," Mendez told *The Collegian* in a telephone interview.

Last year, law enforcement officials closed Beach Accesses 5 and 6 from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. and will continue that practice for Texas Week only. Mendez said it helped reduce illegal activity.

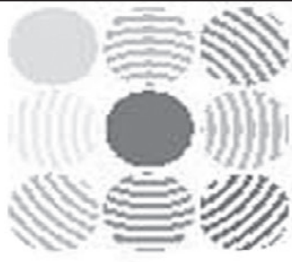




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Regresa artista a su Matamoros

Esta vez con una propuesta plástica en la Galería Albertina



Alejandro Goga

Por Ana Laura Martell
Editora de Español

Después de un periodo de constantes vaivenes entre Matamoros, Houston y Brownsville, y de una relativa inactividad artística, el matamorenses Alejandro Goga presentará su exposición “Preámbulo”. El evento se inaugura el viernes 19 de marzo a las 7 p.m. en la Galería Municipal de Arte Albertina, ubicada en la Calle 7ª y Morelos en Matamoros, Tamps. La entrada es gratuita. “Preámbulo” es el conjunto de alrededor de 30 bocetos y dibujos, mayormente gráficos, cuyo eje central es la muerte. La mano creadora de Goga suele esbozar imágenes de huesos, cráneos y esqueletos. Inspirado por artistas plásticos de renombre, trabaja para hacer de esto la esencia de su obra, su marca personal.

Dicha producción se creó entre los años 2009-2010 durante su estancia en la ciudad de Houston. Como su nombre denota, “Preámbulo” antecede los proyectos futuros del artista. Por otra parte, tiene la connotación de un retorno como artista de tiempo completo a las artes plásticas. “Lo poco que [produje] fueron ideas, más que obras ya definidas,” comenta Goga respecto a la inactividad que tuvo. “Todas las ideas fueron plasmadas en bocetos, que es lo que estoy presentando [ahora]. [Preámbulo] marca mi regreso ya de lleno [a las artes plásticas].” Actualmente, Goga se ocupa en los proyectos posteriores a “Preámbulo”. Uno de ellos, inspirado en la novela “Pedro Páramo” del mexicano Juan Rulfo, dará continuación a las destrezas gráficas que ha venido empleando. Por otra parte, el segundo —basado en “El Quijote”— le dará la oportunidad que busca para trabajar más la técnica al óleo. En una entrevista con *El Collegian*, el artista comentó que fue precisamente la biografía de Miguel de Cervantes en su ejemplar de “El Quijote” lo que le motivó a iniciar su nuevo proyecto. El estilo de Goga seguramente irá de la mano con la temática de “Pedro Páramo”. Ambos proyectos, anticipa el artista, serán en serie puesto que suele explotar el tema que le ocupa. Proveniente de una familia de artistas —su padre, pintor— Goga dibuja desde los 11 años. También ha cursado estudios de artes plásticas y diseño gráfico en su ciudad natal. Asimismo, ha colaborado en la ilustración de revistas mexicanas

y publicado su obra en las páginas del *Nuevo Herald* de Brownsville. “Preámbulo” no será su primera exposición. El artista matamorenses ha exhibido su producción en galerías por buena parte del norte de la república mexicana y en el estado de Quintana Roo. Su ímpetu —y obra— ha llegado tan lejos como al extranjero: las ciudades tejanas de San Antonio, Austin y Houston. La exposición permanecerá abierta al público —entrada igualmente libre— desde su inauguración hasta el 3 de abril. Los horarios de la galería son de martes a sábado de 9 a.m. a 4 p.m.

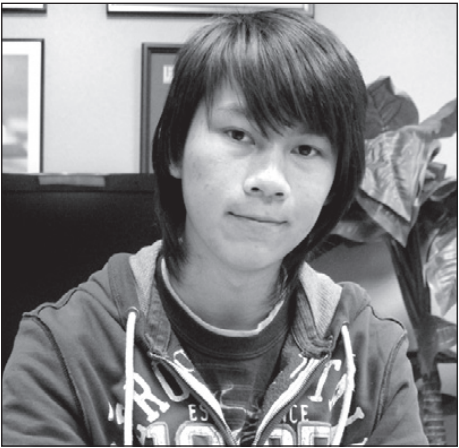


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Estudiante de hoy



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

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Pasatiempos: “Me gusta mucho leer las noticias, especialmente los asuntos internacionales”.
Actividades extracurriculares: “Ajedrez, Consejo Estudiantil, [soy parte de] *National Honor Society* y tenis”.
¿Cuáles son tus metas? “Deseo estar en una posición donde pueda ayudar a impactar positivamente a la gente de este país y del

mundo”.
¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal? “Trabajar en el gobierno o representar a la gente”.
¿Cómo te ves dentro de 10 años? “Probablemente estaré trabajando como asesor de un político”.
¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande? “Mis padres son de Taiwán así que vivir en el Valle [del Río Grande] ha sido un gran reto para mí, además de ser muy diferente culturalmente a la manera en que fui criado”.
¿Qué te gusta de la universidad? “Todos los estudiantes y profesores son muy amistosos”.
¿Si pudieras cambiar algo de la universidad, qué harías? “A veces paso mucho tiempo buscando en dónde estacionar y desearía que hubiera más estacionamiento”.
¿Qué les aconsejarías a los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso? “Que siempre se esfuercen por conseguir lo mejor porque la educación será algo que quedará con ustedes por el resto de su vida.”
¿Qué les aconsejarías a los estudiantes para estudiar antes de un examen? “La universidad ofrece mucha ayuda a los estudiantes que la necesitan. Yo mismo soy un líder de instrucción suplementaria; por eso, me gustaría alentar a los estudiantes a buscar ayuda cuando la necesitan antes que sea demasiado tarde”.
Anécdota: “En Taiwán es obligatorio para los varones unirse al ejército en algún punto de sus vidas. Yo viví allá hasta los 7 años así que crecí preparándome para la guerra... Teníamos esta sensación de temor todo el tiempo pero desde que vine a los Estados Unidos, todo es muy tranquilo. Ya no tengo que prepararme para el ejército”.

--Recopilado por Cleiri Quezada y Luciana Morales

Adoptando posturas

Alrededor de 20 playeras con mensajes en contra de la violencia doméstica cuelgan de un tendedero en los quioscos (Gazebos) de UTB/TSC el primero de marzo como parte del proyecto Clothesline. Facilitadas por el refugio *Friendship of Women Inc.* en Brownsville, las playeras fueron hechas por mujeres refugiadas. La exhibición fue organizada por Debbie Perez, coordinadora de Residencia Estudiantil, y la organización femenil *Sigma Psi Delta* en conjunción con el refugio. *Clothesline* tiene sus inicios en 1990 y desde entonces intenta abordar la violencia en contra



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Tennis

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right. They’re dangerous, they’re slippery, the paint has peeled, and it’s just not conditioned to play on.”

Due to the current state of campus tennis courts, the Health and Human Performance Department had a choice to make: Move the tennis classes off campus this semester or cease offering tennis as a course.

“I and Mr. Loff spoke about [moving the class] and we decided it was best if we relocate the class,” said Zelma Mata, an associate professor and chair of the department. “Students were informed via Blackboard and I believe on the first class day when they met, [Loff] asked if it was going to be a major inconvenience to relocate the class. I believe the students talked about it and took a vote in each of the classes and they decided to go to the Brownsville Tennis Center.”

Asked why the courts on campus were allowed to deteriorate, Mata replied: “They’re very costly [to maintain]. In fact, the last time we had someone look at them, which is a few years ago now, they said they really needed to be redone, not repaired. You’re talking about a considerable amount of money, you’re talking a few hundred thousand dollars to be able to do that, perhaps even at \$300,000 to start from scratch.”

The Brownsville Tennis Center is located five miles north of campus, off Paredes Line

Road, meaning that students wishing to enroll in either of the tennis classes offered at UTB/TSC will need transportation. However, this is nothing new, Mata said.

“There are other courses available that are taught off campus,” she said. “We even have courses taught outside of Brownsville. It’s an off-campus course, so for students who really want to take the course and really want to learn the sport, I think they’ll make the adjustments.”

Loff seems to agree with Mata, as he doesn’t see the transportation issue as a problem.

“Most of our students have cars,” he said. “We have one student who didn’t have a car, so we found him a ride to and from campus and it wasn’t a problem at all.”

Asked why Brownsville Tennis Center was chosen as the new venue for tennis classes, Mata answered: “The Brownsville Tennis Center is the most excellent place for tennis in our community.”

The students who do make the trip over to Brownsville Tennis Center will notice this instantly, as the facilities offered there hold no comparison to those on campus. With its 16 courts and world-class facilities, the center is a great place to learn and enjoy the sport of tennis, according to Loff.

“We have a great facility available to us here at Brownsville Tennis Center,” he said. “I spoke to the [Brownsville Tennis] Board over here and they want to promote tennis and the [United States Tennis Association] wants to promote tennis, so we were able to work out a deal for us to have classes over here and, so far,



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The Tennis II class is being conducted at the Brownsville Tennis Center this semester.

it’s worked out great.”

A big question for students though will be, “How much do we have to pay?”

“Right now it is \$250 per course [to play at the tennis center],” Mata said. “We have four classes, so we’re looking at \$1,000 for the semester. That’s being paid by the Health and Human Performance Department, so the students are not paying anything.”

The experiment of using the tennis center seems to be working, but will UTB/TSC tennis classes be returning to campus in the semesters to come?

“I don’t see tennis classes back on campus in the near future,” Loff said. “It’s just not going to happen. I am not going to put myself out on a limb with lawsuits the way they are these days. One person slips and falls out there, well, that’s

one too many and I’m not going to put myself in that position.”

However, tennis is still in danger of disappearing from the course options, he said.

“Unless I can get the Brownsville Tennis Center to offer us the use of their courts for free,” Loff said, “which I am working on right now and it looks very positive, we may not be able to have tennis classes anymore.

“If we cannot strike an equitable deal [with the tennis center], as far as my teaching tennis classes, I don’t think I will be teaching them over [on campus]. If we bring somebody else in to step up and take tennis classes over there then, who knows? I mean, it’s a great place to have tennis classes—it’s right there on campus and it’s easy for the students.”

Construction begins on Athletic Zone

By Chris Scott
Sports Editor

Work has begun on paving the way for the new 80-acre Athletic Zone Project here at UTB/TSC. The zone, located east of U.S. Expy. 77 near the Veterans Bridge at Los Tomates, is being constructed by Peacock General Contractor of Harlingen and will cost \$1.7 million, which will be paid for with TSC funds.

No spades will go into the ground until April, when the main construction work is scheduled to begin. However, the announcement of preliminary work has, nonetheless, been heralded by UTB/TSC Assistant Vice President for Construction Veronica Mendez.

“We’re under construction, all the clearing has been taking place,” Mendez said. “We had a dry day that allowed us to go in, so it’s starting to look like a construction site already. ... The contractor has begun, so it’s all good news.”

The end point for the project is to house all the Athletic programs; however, it is only phase one of the overall plan.

“Phase one, which is under construction, is only for the soccer field, restrooms, some bleachers and parking, just whatever is required for the soccer field,” Mendez said.

The completion of phase one of the project is scheduled for October, which will mean that the REK Center field will continue to be the home ground used for both men’s and women’s

soccer teams for the duration of the 2010 soccer season.

“We’re looking at August 2011 [to move the soccer home games],” Mendez said. “But we are going to take advantage, once more, of the field we have here on campus. The plan continues to have all the games here [on the REK field], the practices away [at the Brownville Sports Park] and we hope to have the field ready by the end of the year. That gives it time for the grass to settle and be ready for play.”

The announcement that the REK Center field will once again be home to both teams is sure to be met with mixed emotion by both squads, as the current pitch drew a lot of criticism last season, due to the pitch’s poor maintenance making it more difficult to play on.

“The REK field is definitely a step up from Morningside Park [UTB/TSC’s previous home for soccer],” said Helen Wagstaff, women’s soccer captain and a supervisor at the REK Center. “It feels more like a home field and is a better place to play on. We found the main problem at Morningside to be the quality of the surface because it was open to the public—and here lies a similar problem [on campus].”

A main factor in this was allowing recreational activity, such as intramural sports, to be played on the field. The opinion of the two squads was that the field should be preserved for both soccer teams, much in the same way

that Scorpion Field is preserved primarily for the UTB/TSC Baseball Team and doesn’t allow for recreational baseball or softball to be played on it.

“Campus recreation is an integral and important part of campus life, no doubt,” Wagstaff said. “But as an athlete, having flag football played on a rain-soaked field, leaving the surface uneven and making our job as soccer players even harder is far from ideal. It’s just the same compromise here on campus as at Morningside, but it’s got to be a temporary

arrangement, with a view to us all having a separate space to suit our own purposes in the future as the school grows.”

Mendez, however, doesn’t see recreational activity moving from the REK field anytime soon.

“[Intramural activity] is an important part of the field,” she said. “The field was built as part of [the REK] complex and was funded as such, but the new sports complex is primarily for athletic use in terms of soccer, so that rationale will follow with that field.”

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Travel woes continue for Scorpions

Baseball team sinks to 3-1 and 2-0 series losses

By Chris Scott
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Baseball Team is hoping to finish the last of a 15-game stretch on the road with a victory against Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi on Tuesday, before returning to play Fisher College at Scorpion Field in a 4-game series Saturday and Sunday.

Tuesday's game follows a busy week for the Scorpions that ended in disappointing fashion as they went 1-5 on the road.

The first leg of the Scorpions' journey was a series hosted by the University of Texas-Pan American Feb. 26-28. The Scorpions' first game of the series was also against UTPA, in an all-Valley tie, with the game living up to pre-game billing in an epic, marathon matchup.

In a game that broke all sorts of scoring records, the Scorpions eventually lost the four-hour ball game 23-17 in a fierce contest.

Reflecting on the game, Scorpion Head Coach Bryan Aughney was disappointed with the loss.

"It was tough to swallow," Aughney said. "You'd like to win every game you can when you score 17 runs. We didn't pitch it well, I think they got 19 hits and we gave up 11 free bases either by walk or hit by a pitch and we didn't play defense that well, either. On the positive side, we hit the ball well, we scored runs; we competed and never gave up.

But putting 17 runs up against [an NCAA] Division 1 team means there are some positives about [the result]."

The Scorpions took on Prairie

We had the lead late in the game and kind of let that one get away from us. Again, we competed against a Division 1 opponent, but, obviously, it would have been



COURTESY PHOTO
First baseman Matt Ginn (left) celebrates with shortstop Walter Blume III after scoring a run against Prairie View A&M University on Feb. 27.

View A&M University in the second game of the series, held Feb. 27, in a closely fought encounter, with UTB/TSC coming up short late in the game.

"The 5-4 loss to Prairie View A&M was a tough one," Aughney said. "The boys competed again, we pitched it pretty well, we played fairly solid defense. We didn't swing it as well as we could have, but we competed again.

nice to come away with a W."

That loss to Prairie View meant the Scorpions' losing streak now stretched to five games on the road, a record they would put straight in the final day of the series in a rematch against Prairie View on Feb. 28.

Home runs by Matt Ginn (who hit two) and Brian Bustos helped lead the Scorpions to an 11-8 victory over Prairie View to lift

Scorpion spirits and give them their first win against an NCAA D1 school this season.

Asked if the Scorpions did anything different in approaching this game and how good a long-awaited win felt, Aughney responded: "Everyone relaxed a little bit. We swung the bats real well. Kevin Chapman threw a great game in his first complete game this year and only his second start, going nine innings. It was definitely nice to get that win and get that monkey off of our backs."

Unfortunately for the Scorpions, the winning streak wouldn't last long, and in the second game of Feb. 28, UTPA beat the Scorpions in another high-scoring game, 13-9, to give UTB/TSC its third consecutive 3-1 series defeat in a row.

"We were up 9-4 in the sixth and offense kind of put it on cruise control," Aughney said. "We didn't pitch it great in the late innings, obviously. We had a couple of real mistakes, which led to a couple of runs here and there and against a Division 1 team, a quality opponent. You can't make those types of mistakes."

Asked if his team's form on the road is troubling him, he replied: "I don't think it's the road. Yeah, we are 1-3 for the third consecutive weekend on the road, but I think it's the belief factor within ourselves. The biggest thing as a whole for the weekend is we competed every game, we were in every ball game and had a chance to win; we do a couple

of things differently, a couple of things go our way, and we're 3-1 or 2-2."

The second leg of the Scorpions' journey was a midweek trip up to Round Rock to face NCAA Division 3 team Concordia University on March 3. The two-game series was held at the Dell Diamond Stadium, which has 11,000 seats and is home to the AAA affiliate of the Houston Astros, the Round Rock Express.

The Scorpions started Game 1 of the series in good fashion, going 4-0 up early on in the game, with Gus Henggeler hitting a two-run single to put the Scorpions on the right track. However, the Tornados rallied to pull the game back in the fifth inning, before going on to win 6-5.

The second game, held the same day, followed a similar pattern with the Scorpions taking an early lead, only to see Concordia bounce back and claim victory. The Scorpions had leads of 2-0 and 4-2 but let them slip, which allowed Concordia to claim an 8-5 victory, condemning the Scorpions to an overall away record of 3-11 for the 2010 season.

"We started out both games with a bang, but couldn't finish," Aughney said in an Athletics Department news release. "We're scoring runs early, but we totally get away from it."

Speaking to *The Collegian*, Aughney said: "Concordia's a quality Division 3 team; they play in a real tough conference."

Scorpion golf: When it rains, it pars

By Chris Scott
Sports Editor

What should you do if your round of golf is interrupted by a lightning storm?

Walk around holding your 1-iron above your head, because even God can't hit a 1-iron!

The UTB/TSC Men's Golf Team defied the weather last week to finish in second place at the Schreiner University Spring Shootout, as the women's team finished in sixth place.

The event, which was played at the Club at Comanche Trace Golf Course in Kerrville on March 1 and 2, was marred by unpredictable weather, torrid conditions and proved to be a real test for the Scorpion golfers, Assistant Coach Anthony Lopez told *The Collegian*.

After the first day of play, the Scorpion men were tied for first place in the team standings with the University of Texas at Tyler, after shooting a collective score of 311.

"The course we played was really hard," Lopez said. "It was a type of course we never really play; it's set in the Hill Country, so there are a lot of elevation changes and the weather was really bad. On the first day, when the boys finished, it was about 39 degrees and just raining, with the wind gusting at 30-35 mph. Those aren't typical golf conditions, so it was tough for the guys but they hung in there."

The women's team, however, was having contrasting fortunes during the first day of play, finishing way off the pace in seventh place, with a collective score of 389. Andrea Cadriel and Cat Lira shot the lowest score for the Scorpion women, both carding a 95.

"The girls struggled the first day," Lopez said. "I think the conditions got to us, especially as we're the most southern team. If you looked at the last two teams after that first day, they were Brownsville and Laredo because we're used to hotter weather and not the conditions we played in, with the cold and the elevation changes."

The girls, however, recovered on the second day, all posting respectable scores to finish the competition in sixth place.

Talking about the final round performance of the women's team Lopez said, "They played exceptionally well the second day. We had a little talk to them [after the first day of play] and gave them all goals and they more than reached their goals, every player."

Lopez reserved special praise for Cadriel, who shot an 80 for the second lowest round on Tuesday, as well as Krystal Garza, who carded a final round score of 84.

"Andrea played really well the second day," he said. "I followed her for a lot of her holes and she played great, she's a competitor. Andrea stood out and the other one was Krystal Garza. They both didn't get off to the start they would have liked to, but they both played great the second day, and on that course, being diverse and so drastically different from what we're used to, they were able to adapt and perform well."

The men's team also performed well on the final day of the tournament, continuing their form from the day before. Brock Crosson was the top performer for the Scorpions, as he carded a final 3-over-par 75 to finish tied in third place, finishing one stroke behind winner Brandon Ellis of UT Tyler.

"We didn't know if Brock had won," Lopez said. "Brock was tied for first for a long time and we were waiting for the scoreboard for about 20 minutes for scores to get posted. On day one Brock beat [Ellis] by six shots, but on day two [Ellis] came back and shot a 71. We thought Brock had tied for first and we were anticipating a playoff. Vince [Cavazos] was one shot out of that, Brock finished on 153 and Vince finished 154. On that course, with those conditions, it was excellent play, definitely."

Cavazos, who finished in sixth place, had mixed emotions at the end of play.

"I felt I could have played better," he said. "But sixth place is not bad. The team went out there fighting and we are not satisfied with second place. We're in the top 15 in the [NAIA] ranking polls and we feel every tournament is a must-win and everyone will step up and play."

The Scorpion men's next tournament is the Texas Wesleyan University Invitational, to be held Sunday and March 15 in Fort Worth.

"The next men's tournament is almost like a national tournament," Lopez said. "The No. 1 team in the country is there, I think three out of the top 10 in the nation are there and seven out of the top 20 in the nation are there. We're [No.] 21 right now, so it's a huge tournament. I've overheard the guys talking and they are going to put extra practice hours in just for this tournament. If we can play well [there], we'll definitely turn some heads."

With all the extra pressure to perform you may be forgiven for thinking that some players may buckle under the weight of expectation. Not so, Cavazos said.

"Every tournament and practice is pressure," he said. "Because of the talent we have, anyone of us could play in the top five, and if you're not on your game, you could get dropped. These next tournaments will show how good we are because we are going to face teams in the top 10 and I cannot wait to show them what we got."

The Scorpion women now have a three-week break before their next tournament, the Northwood University Bluebonnet Invitational, March 29-30 in Cedar Hill--a break which Lopez thinks will serve dividends for the women.

"The next women's tournament is going to be in Northwood, who are our main conference rival," he said. "We played at that course last year, so we know it and we know what we have to work on. I think that the three-week break will be great for the women and I expect them to be sharp by that time."

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